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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Tatarka, et al.
Appl. No.: 09/401,692
Filed: September 22, 1999
For: PUNCTURE RESISTANT POLYMERIC FILMS, BLENDS AND PROCESS

Group Art Unit: 1773
Examiner: M. Jackson

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Official Action dated May 22, 2001, for which a three (3) month extension of time is requested, making the deadline for reply November 23, 2001 (November 22, 2001 being a Holiday), please amend the application as follows.

In The Specification:

Please revise Paragraph 2, beginning on line 13 through line 25, Page 71 as follows:

In another aspect of the invention, one or more gas barrier layers may be incorporated into a multilayer film as either an intermediate or surface layer or both. For example, ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH), vinylidene chloride-methylacrylate copolymer, nylon such as nylon 6 or amorphous nylon, polyvinylidene chloride-vinyl chloride copolymer (PVDC), acrylonitriles and other materials having oxygen barrier properties may be used in one or more layers such as the core layer. Blends of gas barrier resins may also be used e.g. a blend of nylon with EVOH. Typical gas barrier films will have an O_2 transmission of less than 15 cc/100 in^2 for 24 hrs. at 1 atm. In various multilayer embodiments well known adhesive resins such as maleic anhydride modified EVAs or polyethylenes, or acrylic acid or methacrylic acid copolymers e.g. with ethylene may be used in addition to or in place of various polymers indicated above in intermediate or outer layers to adhere to adjacent layers. Use of such